



HAMPDEN TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP
HAMPDEN MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MINUTES

MONDAY

JUNE 14, 2021

6:00 P.M.

In Attendance:

*Mayor Shelby Wright
Councilor Eric Jarvi
Councilor Mark Cormier
Councilor Ivan McPike
Councilor Allen Esposito
Councilor Peter Erickson
Councilor Christine Cubberley*

*Paula Scott, Town Manager
Amy Ryder, Economic Development Director
Victor Smith, Public Works Director
Ryan Carey, Code Enforcement Officer
Terry McAvoy, Town Resident*

A. CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Jarvi called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

B. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

C. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion on Axiom Broadband, *requested by Amy Ryder Economic Development Director.*

Amy Ryder Economic Development Director spoke on Axiom Broadband and other Internet Service Provider sources that she has reached out to. She would like to move forward with Axiom with the grant money we've received in the planning phase, it would be a municipally owned infrastructure and would create revenue for the Town. Council referred to the next Council Meeting for action to authorize a Municipal Bond proposal for the November Ballot.

- b. Discussion on doing a ridership study on BACTS.

After discussion on possible ridership survey on BACTS referred to a Council Meeting for a formal action.

- c. Discussion on peg channel access and use, *requested by Terri McAvoy.*

Terry McAvoy, Town resident addressed Council on Public, Education and Government Channel access and use. After discussion consensus of Council is to have Town staff prepare an RFP on potentially running public access channel 2.

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d. Discussion on the Transfer Station.

After discussion on Transfer Station related issues including the use of dump trailers, hours of operation and a significant and ongoing public input on the future of the Swap Shop, consensus of Council is to is to charge town staff and public works to essentially come up with a proposal for consideration by council to include cost in what a reworked Swap Shop may look like outside the physical confines of the current transfer station to eliminate any safety issues; to put on a Council Agenda an item to essentially amend the Council Rules on allowable trailer's at the transfer station; and for a managerial decision as to new operation hours brought to Council for endorsement.

e. Discussion on Policy Direction for the rural zone.

After discussion on policy direction for the town planner in amending the current rural zoning ordinance related to open spaces, buffer zones and fire protection it was felt the charge moving forward, at least to staff in the Planning Board, with open space and buffer requirements is that a developer would have either a buffer space requirement to meet or an open space requirement to meet and to explore both options simultaneously and to place on a Council Agenda for action an item for a Moratorium Ordinance for Multi-Family Dwellings in the Rural District.

D. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Gayle C. Decker, Town Clerk*

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